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NOTL votes for change – Darte wins

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John Wiens led the votes for town councillor, earning him the title of deputy lord mayor, and Pat Darte is the next lord mayor of Niagara–on–the–Lake. They shake hands after the results were announced Monday at the community centre.

Gary Burroughs returns to regional council, and John Wiens is the next deputy lord mayor

Penny Coles
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Niagara-on-the-Lake voters were given the choice between experience and change to lead their municipality. They chose change.

Local businessman Pat Darte will be the next lord mayor. He beat incumbent Dave Eke, a 20-year municipal politician who has served at every level, by more than 900 votes - Darte with 3,627, Eke with 2,723.

Darte was relaxed and confident Monday evening, and said he was not particularly surprised to be the new leader of the municipality as a first-time politician.

"I'm not one for making assumptions, and I came into this with no preconceived idea about how it would work out. I just want to do the job."

He says he felt strong support as he went door-to-door.

"I kept hearing people wanted change, but you never know if they're just saying that. I guess they meant it."

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Burroughs re–elected to regional council

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Darte campaigned on a proposal to bring a Catholic high school to NOTL, enhance health care despite provincial plans to close the local hospital, and provide strong, proactive leadership, promising change and a new direction.

Those remain his priorities, he said.

He knows municipal government is not in the business of delivering either education or health care, he says, "but we have to find the right people to work with us. We have to find people who will provide us with the hospital beds and services we need.. We have to find the people who will give us the schools we need. And when we find them we have to support them, give them what they need to give us what we need."

Is he nervous about his new job?

Not at all, he says. "It's a job. But it's a great job."

Gary Burroughs will return as regional councillor with a resounding vote of confidence - 3,998 to Dave Lepp's 2,225 votes.

Burroughs has made no secret of his hope for another term as regional chair, but he knows there are strong contenders for the job.

He says he has come to really understand the region in the last four years in a way he couldn't have as lord mayor sitting at the regional council table.

"As mayor, you sit on a committee or two, but when you're there working full time, you get to know a lot of the 3,000 employees, and all the management issues. It's much more involved. It's been a really good lesson for me, and I hope it continues to be. But if not, I will be better able to represent Niagara-on-the-Lake because of that experience."

There are a number of issues he's committed to working on, he said, but what he is most excited about is the new direction of the region, which involves a better working relationship with municipalities.

"I'll be meeting with Pat Darte to talk about issues that are important to Niagara-on-the-Lake and residents, and that are important at both levels of government. For example, now, if there's a road that needs work, whether it's region al or town-owned, it's a road and we're going to get it fixed," said Burroughs.

"That's the number one turning point - we're doing a better job of working together. I don't ever want to hear someone say 'that's someone else's job.' What's important is that we solve the problem, not who does it."

Also high on his list of issues to address is the environment, "and soon. We have to get at it quickly. We have this toxic issue going on across the river, and there are also issues on or side."

The GO Train is moving ahead, following promising discussions with Premier Kathleen Wynne when she was in Niagara-on-the-Lake last week, said Burroughs.

"We have some assignments to work on in the weeks and months ahead," he said. "I plan to start tomorrow, with a goal of getting GO here for the summer of 2015."

Gary Burroughs celebrates with his wife Sarah at the community centre Monday. With them are two of their grandchildren, Isabella and Bazzy. Photo by Ken Gansel

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John Wiens leads 16 candidates

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Niagara Advance

Change was in the air for Niagara-on-the-Lake town council - seven of eight incumbents were hoping to return to the council table, but only five were successful.

Leading the 16 candidates in votes was local businessman John Wiens, co-owner of the NOTL Golf Course and a volunteer who chaired over-the-top fundraising campaigns for the town's new community centre and a second arena in Virgil.

He might be new to politics, but his years of volunteerism have ensured he's no stranger to the voters of Niagara-on-the-Lake, who handed him the position of deputy lord mayor.

"I'm proud and humbled," he said as election results were posted at the community centre Monday.

"I'm also very excited," said Wiens.

"I've worked hard for the community, and my hard work along the way has rewarded me. Residents know I'm a hard worker and I love this community."

Wiens says he has a plan going forward which involves working with various groups in the community to bring residents' needs to council.

He's happy to have two other new councillors joining him, he said.

"We'll have fresh ideas, and a fresh approach that will help them come to fruition."

Wiens says he has three issues at the top of his wish list to accomplish - including improved health care and bringing schools back to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"Council has to support the NHS (Niagara Health System). We have to fight to have the right solution for health care in our community, and we have to support that solution. It has to move forward as quickly as possible to ensure we have (hospital) beds for our community, wherever the right place is for them."

In education, too, it's a matter of working out the best solution and supporting it, he said.

He will continue to support CARE (Citizens for Accountable and Responsible Education) in their fight to keep Parliament Oak open, and the province as it works to fix the process that is closing schools, he said. He also wants to see a high school back in town.

He hopes that by January there will be an expanded transit system for Niagara-on-the-Lake, with new routes to connect communities, he said, and he will support continuing efforts to bring GO service to Niagara Falls.

Wiens was followed in votes by the outspoken pizza restaurant owner Martin Mazza, with a difference of less than 40 votes.

Next in votes was incumbent Maria Bau-Coote, followed by newcomer Betty Disero, who brings years of experience as a Toronto city councillor to the table.

Incumbents Terry Flynn, Jim Collard and Jamie King were also re-elected.

Paolo Miele, owner of Good Eats Diners and an outspoken activist, won the last of eight seats by just 10 votes over veteran incumbent Dennis Dick.

Miele says his first goal is to open lines of communication with residents by having an office at the town hall where councillors can regularly meet with their constituents.

One of the biggest surprises of the night was incumbent Gary Zalepa Jr.'s failure to be re-elected. He came 10th, after Dennis Dick.

At press time, the unofficial results for public school board trustees representing St. Catharines and NOTL were Lora Campbell, Linda Crouch, Jonathan Fast and Jennifer Ajandi.

Representing Niagara Falls and NOTL at the separate school board, unofficially, are Frank Fera and Ed Nieuwesteeg.

Unofficial election results as posted on the town's website:

For lord mayor:	
Pat Darte	3,627
Dave Eke	2,723
For regional council:	
Gary Burroughs	3,998
Dave Lepp	2,225
For council:	
John Wiens	3,641
Martin Mazza	3,603
Maria Bau-Coote	3,432
Betty Desiro	3,330
Terry Flynn	2,842
Jim Collard	2,671
Jamie King	2,471
Paolo Miele	2,235
Dennis Dick	2,225
Gary Zalepa Jr.	2,200
Sandra O'Connor	1,689
Kenn Moody	1,649
Bill Cowie	1,393
Bill Accbterlonie	1,342
Don MacDougall	1,258
Maria Rekrut	658

John Wiens is the town's next deputy lord mayor, a position earned by receiving the most votes for town council. Photo submitted

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Local family at Queen's Park to hear MPP ask premier about keeping school open

Students learn they're not alone in thinking their school is important

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Patricia Couroux and her two young sons were welcomed to Queen's Park by Premier Kathleen Wynne Wednesday, but she wasn't prepared to give them the answer they were looking for.

Those who attended local accommodation review meetings looking at the future of Parliament Oak Public School in Niagara-on-the-Lake, or went to school board meetings where the school was discussed, witnessed Will Couroux, now 13, and his younger brother James, nine, bravely stand up and list many reasons why it was important for their school to stay open.

Penny Coles Niagara Advance

A local family travelled to Toronto Wednesday to hear MPP Wayne Gates push the premier on her failure to help keep Parliament Oak School open. After question period they posed in Gates' office for a photo. Their driver for the day, Abdiel Hernandes (left) was provided by Gates as a prize at a recent Parliament Oak fundraiser, and stayed for the day. With Gates is Aurel James, grandmother of Will and James, and the boys' mother Patricia Couroux, a member of CARE.

Wynne addressed the boys when she welcomed them during question period Wednesday, but said school boards make decisions about their community - local decisions should be made at the board level, not by the province, she said.

The boys attended the Queen's Park question period with their mother and grandmother to listen to Wayne Gates, NDP MPP for the riding of Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake, ask Wynne and Liz Sandals, minister of education, why they're not doing anything to save Parliament Oak Public School.

"It was inspiring to see he's still fighting," said Couroux of Gates' persistence - he has asked that question of the minister and the premier several times.

"It made the boys feel their school is worth fighting for, and that there are other people who feel the school should still be open."

She said they saw first-hand how hard Gates and the NDP are working on behalf of Parliament Oak, and that "other people are listening, and fighting with us."

The answer from Wynne and Sandals was frustrating, said Couroux.

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Niagara-on-the-Lake
FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

School supporters 'not on an island'

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"They both said it's not a provincial issue, it's a board issue. They said we should be supporting candidates during the municipal election who we feel would support change."

The province is reviewing the process followed by school boards to decide on school closures, but the DSBN has said that won't affect the decision already made to close Parliament Oak.

Declining enrolment was cited by the board as the reason for closing the aging school, along with the high cost of repairs and maintenance.

As a last resort, members of CARE (Citizens for Accountable and Responsible Education) have asked for a court review of the decision.

The ultimate goal of the review, said Couroux, would be to keep Parliament Oak open, but also to bring attention to the issue of school closures for about 80 other communities facing the same challenge.

"It just seems everything is coming together for us," says Couroux.

"We have community support, town council support, regional support and our MPP's support. This issue is gathering steam."

That's due to the huge number of hours by CARE members, who are working behind the scenes to reach those who can help, she said.

"We have the right people working on this. They're very determined, very committed and very knowledgeable. There is a huge force working together to make this happen," she said.

And they're doing it for their children and the future of the community, she said.

"For a community to have young people, it has to have a school."

Gates said the premier knows what Parliament Oak School means to the children, families, and community after she met with them last year.

"It is the heart of the Old Town – and it should be part of its future, too," Gates said.

The ministry of education turned down a request for a provincial review of the board decision, leading to a court action that requires school supporters to raise $100,000, said Gates.

"They want this to go away, but it's not going away," he said of the province.

"I believe they know the process is flawed. Maybe the civil suit will be the saving grace, if it finds the decision process was flawed."

But the board maintains the decision to close Parliament Oak Public School was made by a majority vote of trustees, following an accommodation review process that was open, fair and transparent.

The Liberal government's school closure policy is generating widespread opposition among mayors and councillors in rural Ontario, Gates said, forcing communities across the province to defend their local schools.

The MPP said he had a great time with the Couroux family, showing them around the legislature.

"It was a special day for the kids - and a special day for me as well. They are wonderful kids. And if they came here thinking they were on an island by themselves, without support, they have to know now that they're not on that island any more."

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our editorial

New era for NOTL council

Voter turnout in Niagara-on-the-Lake for the last municipal election was 48.65%. Monday's count was 6,531 ballots cast, for a total of 48.46%.

Both numbers sound dismal, with less than half the eligible voters bothering to go to the polls, yet it's a number other municipalities would boast about - NOTL certainly beat most of the Niagara regional municipalities. St. Catharines saw less than one-third of its voters go to the polls.

Every election, it seems the story in NOTL is whether we'll see the veteran incumbents return or some new faces. This time round, we saw some of both.

Three incumbents, including the lord mayor - and two of them long-serving veteran politicians - were not re-elected, surely enough to substantially change the dynamics at the council table.

Most significant is the election of a new lord mayor - one with no political experience but significant practical expertise at leading boards and agencies in the public sector. How that knowledge and skill translate to leading a municipal council will be interesting to watch, but the number of people who chose Pat Darte as the town's next lord mayor shows a level of confidence that he can do the job.

It's hard to watch election results when there are so many strong, committed candidates vying for a chance to serve their community, and some of them, and their families, are understandably disappointed. To those candidates who were not successful, we say thanks for putting your name forward. It takes courage to run, whether incumbent or newcomer, never knowing if the hard work that goes into campaigning will pay off. But whether or not a candidate has earned a place on council, every one of them has had something meaningful to contribute to the discussion of the future of NOTL, and will have helped influence change.

For example, Bill Cowie put forward the idea of a dial-a-bus instead of a shuttle on a regular route where the numbers don't warrant it.

And Kenn Moody of St. Davids represented his constituents when he said he wanted to do something about the grinder pump situation - all but two candidates at the meeting in St. Davids promised to re-open that issue if elected. Let's see what happens now.

Congratulations to those who were successful. We look forward to working with each of you, and watching your role in the changing dynamic of a new council - especially John Wiens, a man well-respected in all corners of the community who we can expect to be a voice of reason and common sense.

While Gary Burroughs will continue to represent us at regional council, he will be joined by fresh faces, and with new staff as well, this promises to be a new era of co-operation at the region, a welcome change.

Even the public school board will see change, however slight, although once again it appears NOTL voters have little influence over who represents them on either board.

One of the recurring themes during this election campaign of candidates promising to listen to residents, indicating some frustration that this was not the case last term. That is a cue to residents to speak up, to let your representatives know your needs and expectations. Make sure they carry through on their promises to listen - that's their job.

The first council meeting is Dec. 1. We look forward to it.

Poppies pay off

Doug Pettit of the Royal Canadian Legion membership committee hands Terry Mactaggart of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care Service a cheque for $3,000. The money comes from the 2014 poppy fund, from which $29,650 was donated to the community to support veterans and serving military and their family. Photo submitted

letters to the editor

Meters on parkway trail upset walker

I walk the Niagara River Parkway Recreational Trail on a fairly regular basis.

Recently I noticed an addition to the parking lot at the McFarland House. New parking meters have been installed.

Over the summer I watched families in the park there, picnicking and playing with their children.

After the Niagara Parks Commission has paid for its meter reader, how much revenue will they collect, and what difference will it make to their bottom line?

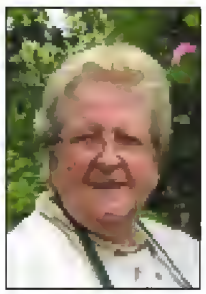
It seems to me that they are only going to upset a lot of young families.

To make matters worse, the meters appear to be the same kind as the ones in town which have caused so much annoyance.

Adam M. Wilkie

opinion

Keep recipe handy in case skunk has your pet's name on it



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

Somehow when we are all set to wind down in the garden we get some surprises - my pansies are still blooming and I am still picking cherry tomatoes, and they are so full of flavour.

Now not all is successful - I am still working on getting the rhizomes of my cannas out of my planters. The new ones are quite different to what I had before and much smaller so I have to be careful as they were very good bloomers, and I want them for next year.

This is great weather for bulb planting and there are lots of new varieties so be venturesome, come next spring you will be glad you did.

Trees, trees, trees and we love them all but now we have leaves, leaves, leaves.

They make good compost but you have to chop them up, that is best done with the lawn mower. Do not do this on a windy day.

Spread them out and run over them, north to south them east to west. If you have saved your grass cuttings and other garden stuff you can layer them (not too thickly) kind of like lasagna. There is the delay of winter of course but you will serve it to your garden next spring.

Late last week one of our dogs made a new friend - the big albino skunk that lives in our neighbourhood. Despite its color we didn't see it in the dark and let Mac out - a sharp bark, followed by Mac flying through the doggy door like he had been fired out of a cannon - following immediately behind him the overpowering smell of skunk.

Of course, panic ensued - nonetheless, I thought I would share with you what we used on Mac, that really took away the smell. Keep in mind time is of the essence, the longer the skunk spray stays on the harder it is to get off.

Jean Cochrane say she is still picking cherry tomatoes from her garden, and they are full of flavour. Photo submitted

In a plastic container, combine 1 quart hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda and 1 to 2 teaspoons of liquid soap. Add lukewarm water if needed (for larger dogs). Mix the ingredients well. Try and find the spots on their body where they were sprayed - put this mixture on the fur, brush it in, leave it for 5 to 10 minutes and then wash it off, being careful around the eyes.

Ahh! Isn't nature fun? So enjoy yourselves raking and composting in the crisp fall air but keep this recipe handy - because always remember my friends, somewhere out there is a skunk with your pet's name on it.

letters to the editor

The times they are a changing, in NOTL at least

The results of the latest local election are so encouraging for Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The mayoral race being won by Pat Darte certainly was a vote for change, hopefully away from the previous administrations rampant "open for business" stance to a saner, balanced approach to our precious town.

The changes on council also reflect a desire for more balance with experienced politicians and people who actually "meet payrolls" on a weekly basis.

Perhaps a good place to start would be a moratorium on the development of suburbia on the doorstep and with the realization that people come here, visitors and residents alike, because it is different from everywhere else.

Hamish Kerr
NOTL

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2 a.m.

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour, and change the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you don't have a carbon monoxide alarm, now's a good time to buy one - they are law in most homes in Ontario.

Bill Auchterlonie
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Family health team offers members flu shots

Supply and demand of the flu vaccine has delayed local clinics, but the Niagara-on-the-Lake Family Health Team is set to begin vaccinating Thursday.

The clinics, for patients of the health team only, will be held in the Mary Snider room of the Virgil arena Nov. 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Patients are reminded to bring their health cards and to wear a short-sleeved shirt.

Because of the shortage of vaccine, the administration of flu shots and the clinics were delayed for the general public, said Heather Whitworth, a registered nurse with the family health team.

Those who are at highest risk of developing complications, such as children under five years of age, people over 65 years of age, and people with chronic diseases such as diabetes or those with compromised immuse systems, were given the opportunity to receive the vaccine earlier, said Whitworth.

She reminds people to take precautions to avoid getting sick during the winter season, such as washing hands and getting enough rest, and if they have a fever or cough, to contact the health team.

The clinics are for family health team patients from six months old and up.

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Resident parking permits and dog licences are available for purchase beginning **Monday, November 3, 2014** at the Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake Municipal Offices.

Please note Town offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday season at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2014 and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 2, 2015.

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TENDER

GENERAL MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT AND NEW INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING INFRASTRUCTURE

SEALED TENDERS, plainly marked as to contents, will be received by the Office of the Clerk, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. local time on:

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2014

Tenders will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on the same day in the Council Chambers at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Municipal Offices.

This is a one-year contract for the General Maintenance, Replacement and New Installation of Street Lighting Infrastructure of approximately 1,000 lights in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

A DVD of the Plans, Specifications and Form of Tender may be obtained starting **Monday November 3, 2014,** from the Town Municipal Offices at 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario L0S 1T0. A non-refundable payment in the amount of $25.00, reflecting part of the cost of document preparation, will be required for each DVD of tender documents taken. Plans, Specifications and Form of Tender may also be obtained from Merx or Biddingo e-procurement web sites. A printed copy of the tender is available upon request.

Plan and Specifications may be viewed without charge but not removed at the following locations:

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Holly Dowd, Town Clerk

Haunted town's ghosts turn skeptics into believers

Bill Hamilton
Special to the Advance

It's not what I can see that scares me the most but, that which I cannot see.

I have walked in the darkness of the Old Town and seen shadows changed shape up ahead. Was that someone lurking or was my imagination getting the better of me?

In this "Canada's most haunted town," commemorated with its own haunted-themed stamp, reality in the paranormal prevails.

Through my own experience and that which I have witnessed in this quiet little town, I too am a believer. I have shared stories with our local citizens and people visiting from around the world, with convincing tales of real life encounters with the supernatural.

A mother chases her child who disappears into a wall, only to find that her actual daughter is sitting quietly in the room beside her. An orb proceeds through the dark up the basement stairs and under the door above. A photograph taken of a couple on a park bench when developed includes the masked figure of an executioner sharing the seat beside them.

Halloween conjures up memories of those many times my friends and I chose to emulate our favourite hero or scariest ghoul - what a magical time of year when you can lose yourself in another persona.

For those few cherished evening hours you could become that hero or monster you were awed by and get candy at the same time!

Ghosts prevail in NOTL from our famous Captain Colin Swayze of the Angel Inn, to the ghost of a young girl in that old "Smithy" building and even stretching across the river to Old Fort Niagara, home of one of the oldest legends in North America . . . the headless soldier.

Ghost tours have become an international pastime for entertainment and the search for truth. People crave exposure to the other world, a portal as such with the hope of experiencing that which has ruled their imagination through the years.

My fascination and interest in our history has developed over the past couple of years as a guide for our Ghost Walks of downtown Niagara-on-he Lake.

Its creator, Daniel Cumerlato, has fashioned a trip through history in our business core. He has carefully identified restless souls who still linger and show themselves in various forms, from time to time creating questions among even the non-believers as to their existence.

With groups of up to 40 people I have recounted tale after tale and watched the fascination, eyes wide in the fight to believe - together we have witnessed the unexplained.

When the tour comes to the end I leave the crowd with my parting words, "ladies and gentlemen, I ask that you keep an open mind, for you just never know what might be around that next corner."

Bill Hamilton leads ghost tours through the streets of the Old Town, always prepared for the unexpected.
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Husky reopens after $10–million rebuild

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The transformation to new and modern is complete, but the familiar smell of home-cooked comfort food hasn't changed.

It's called a Husky Travel Centre, but it caters to two very different groups of loyal customers, says Lawrence Richler, a vice-president on hand from the company's head office in Calgary for the re-opening celebration of the restaurant and full-service gas station.

Located on York Rd. in Niagara-on-the-Lake, close to the highway, it's a popular spot for truck drivers to fill up, enjoy a home-style meal and often use as an overnight rest stop.

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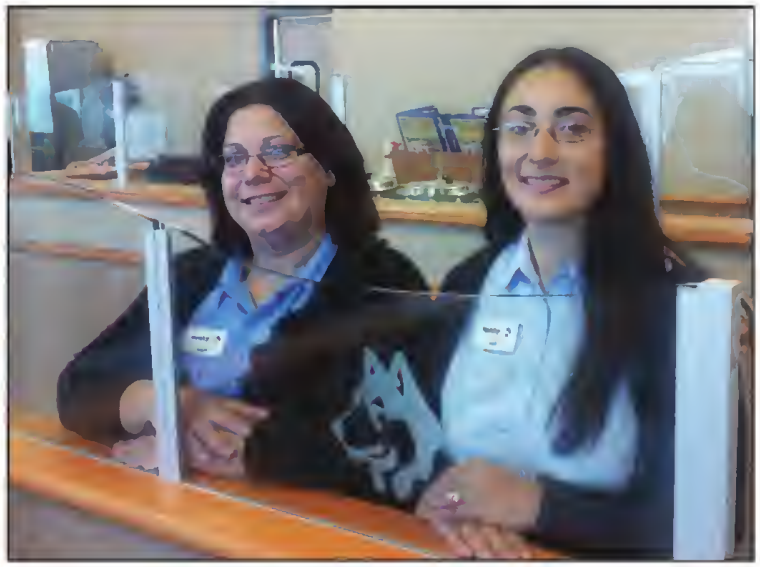

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Tracey Palleschi and Sue McCafferty run the Husky House Restaurant on York Rd. in Niagara-on-the-Lake, which their parents opened in 1984. The full-service gas station, car wash, restaurant and convenience store opened Wednesday after a year-long, $10-million rebuild.

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Sisters keep mom's recipes on menu

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But the Husky House Restaurant is also a community gathering place for locals, and has been since it opened 30 years ago under the operation of a local couple, Clare and Ray Palleschi.

They have both passed away, but their two daughters, Tracey Palleschi and Sue McCafferty, both living in St. Catharines now, are carrying on for their parents.

They run the retail end of the operation - the restaurant and what is now a full-scale convenience store, with prepared take-out food, plus milk and grocery staples for the busy person on the go.

The restaurant has many regular customers, says Palleschi - some truckers, but as many are locals who stop in for coffee or a meal. She and her sister grew up themselves in the restaurant while their parents work, and now serve meals to second-generation families.

Those who live nearby, in St. Davids and rural NOTL, have memories of the restaurant as a life-saver during the days when the town suffered from frequent power outages, including one that went on for three days - Husky always had power, hot meals and fuel for generators.

But the food has a reputation for being more than just hot - it's comfort food, with dishes like meat loaf made from their mother's recipe and served with large helpings of mashed potatoes, says Palleschi.

And once the sisters have settled in and the bustle of the opening is behind them, they will return to the kitchen, where they grew up, and go to work on some of the other favorites their parents served, like the barbecued ribs and pepper steak regulars remember from the days of the Sunday buffet.

They don't do the buffet any more but try to have some of the traditional fare that was offered now as regular menu features, says Palleschi.

The sisters, referred to as retailers in the company jargon - they look after a franchise that includes everything but the gas station - are glad to be back to work, after a $10 million, year-long rebuild that is much more modern and convenient than the kitchen and the restaurant they worked in from the time they were old enough, where they did everything from cook to waitress.

It's the two women who make the Husky more than a truck stop or gas station, says Richler.

Husky has 500 locations across the country, 50 of them truck stops, "but this is really unique. It's definitely part of the community," he says, "and that's because of Sue and Tracey, and the legacy of their father. They are what makes this different."

The gas station also carries marked diesel fuel, dyed to distinguish it from regular diesel and sold to farmers for tractors and farm equipment - or for any off-road vehicle - says Richler, and is appropriate for the area.

Senior vice-president Bob Baird, also on hand from Calgary, says both the location and timing were right for the rebuild, something Ray Palleschi began talking about a decade ago.

He didn't live to see it, but he would be thrilled, said McCafferty.

"It was a long time coming," said Richler, "but the timing was excellent."

"It's part of the rejuvenation of the area, with the RCMP building across the street and the mall down the road," said Baird, referring to the new Outlet Collection of Niagara.

"And the spirit of their dad is here. He wanted so much to see this happen."

About half of the Huskys across the country have been torn down and rebuilt to modern standards, and in NOTL, that included an expensive environmental clean-up of the fuel tanks, he said.

The new facilities employ 35 local staff, have 122 seats in the restaurant and space in the newly-paved parking lot for more than 100 transport trucks.

"A lot of that $10 million went into the parking lot," says Richler. "There's enough pavement out there to land an airplane."

The restaurants, convenience stores and car washes are part of a retail distribution network established by Husky Energy, headquartered in Alberta and one of Canada's largest energy companies.

Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Makenzie Gill, with her mother Jessica Smith, is more interested in the Husky mascot than the 98 cent-a-litre gas prices that caused long line-ups at the opening of the new Husky gas station and restaurant on York Rd.

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Carbon monoxide alarms law

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Carbon monoxide detectors are now mandatory in Ontario homes.

The legislation went into effect Oct. 15, and with the end of daylight savings time this weekend, it's a good time to remind people to buy a carbon monoxide detector, says deputy fire chief Jo Zambito.

"If your smoke detector is getting old, rather than replacing the batteries, it makes sense to buy a new unit that is also a carbon monoxide detector," he says.

Alarms should be replaced every seven to 10 years, he said.

Detectors are required near all sleeping areas, he says - if all the bedrooms are on one floor, then just one detector is needed, "but if you have a bedroom in the basement or another level, you need one there as well"

More is known about carbon monoxide now than even a decade ago, and there is more awareness of the danger of what is known as the "silent killer," since it has no odor, colour or taste to act as a warning.

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Deputy fire chief Jo Zambito reminds NOTL home owners having a carbon monoxide detector is now law.

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Symptoms include feelings of lethargy, nausea, dizziness

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"You start to feel flu-like symptoms, including feeling lethargic, so you lie down. Maybe you worked all day, or know people who have the flu, so you assume that's why you're feeling fatigued. Then you lose the ability to think clearly. The only way you would know it's carbon monoxide is if you have an alarm."

Other symptoms include headaches, nausea, dizziness, burning eyes, confusion, drowsiness and eventually loss of consciousness. In severe cases, CO poisoning can cause brain damage and death.

The elderly, children and people with heart or respiratory conditions may be particularly sensitive to CO.

He says the fire department is fielding "calls like crazy" from people who want more information about carbon monoxide detectors and the new legislation.

"People don't know enough about it yet."

Detectors are required in any home that has fuel-fired appliances - natural gas, propane or oil - or an attached garage, Zambito said.

Unlike smoke, which rises to the ceiling, CO mixes with air, so alarms may be installed at any height, and many of the older models plug into electrical outlets, says Zambito.

However, if a combination smoke/CO alarm is used, and most are combination now, it must be installed on or near the ceiling, to work as a smoke detector as well.

They are available in a wide range of prices, from about $20 to $100, but one of the most important factors when choosing is to check the expiration date, he says.

"And in a perfect world, if it's a plug-in, we'd prefer it to have a battery back-up."

Since there may be more danger of a carbon monoxide leak with an older furnace, it's important to have your furnace checked annually - and now is the best time, when the days are getting colder and you're beginning to require heat, said Zambito.

On average, more than 50 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning in Canada, including 11 on average in Ontario.

Below are some carbon monoxide safety tips from the office of the fire marshal:

• Install at least one CSA-6.19.01 approved carbon monoxide detector outside bedrooms. However, it is advised to install one on every floor.

• Check the expiry date of existing detector and replace any devices built before 2008. Alarms need to be replaced every seven to 10 years, depending on the brand.

• Have a licensed technician inspect your fuel-burning appliances (rfurnace, range, fireplace, water heater) annually, to ensure they are in proper working order and vented correctly.

• For families with older parents or relatives, help them inspect their detectors.

• Replace batteries in your detector annually, or opt for models with 10-year sealed lithium batteries that never need to be changed.

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Tragedy shadows command ceremony

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For Bruce Mair, it was a day to reflect on a fallen soldier in Canada — and the sacrifice made by many in Holland's Battle of Bergen-op-Zoom.

Saturday marked the annual parade by the Lincoln and Welland Regiment to remember an Oct. 1944 conflict. In it, the regiment played a key role in liberating the town from the Germans.

Closer to home, two incidents this week have shaken a country and its military.

It has also stirred up a sense of resolve and collective vow to never forget.

Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent, 53, of the Canadian Forces was killed Monday after being struck in a hit-and-run attack in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.

On Wednesday, Cpl. Nathan Cirillo was murdered while standing guard at a National War Memorial on Parliament Hill.

Cirillo, 24, was also a member of Hamilton's Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders regiment. Thousands lined roads and bridges tribute to him Friday as his hearse was taken from Ottawa to his Steel City home.

"We used to be part of the Hamilton regiment's brigade," said Mair, a Links and Winks reservist and member of the Niagara Regional Police.

"For several years, when we went out on larger exercises, we were paired with the Argylls," he said in an interview inside the Lake Street Armoury, before the parade began.

"So we worked with all those guys ... I didn't know Cpl. Cirillo, but I certainly did know a lot of people in his chain of command, and a lot of his mates and leaders.

"My heart just goes out to those guys."

As the parade organized inside the St. Catharines armoury, Mair was also set to become a lieutenant colonel and new commanding officer of the regiment.

"Some people have asked me today how I feel about it," said Mair, who joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a reservist at age 17, and lives in Fort Erie with his wife and family.

"There's photos on our wall of all our commanding officers, I look at them sometimes and think 'wow, I've got to stand up and measure up with these guys.'

"I'll certainly do my best."

The first part of Saturday's event was overseen by Lieut.-Col. Allan Stoyka, 49, who turned over regimental command to Lieut-Col. Bruce Mair in a mid-parade ceremony.

Stoyka, who's term lasted just over three years, spoke of the "very close comradeship between all of us."

"In the exercises, summer courses, we're a (smaller group) and tend to develop very strong relationships," said the St. Catharines resident and reservist, who has worked for General Motors.

"You see the same people over and over again, and it's a great time."

The annual Lincoln and Welland Regiment parade to remember the Bergen-op-Zoom conflict took pace Saturday along with the command turn-over, the recent tragic deaths of soldiers casting a shadow on the event. QMI Agency Niagara

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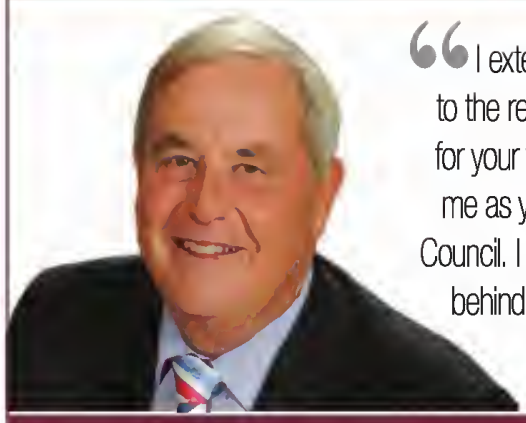

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Students practise meal for world championships

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It was all about presentation.

Ten members of Niagara College's Junior Culinary Team Canada spent the night at the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus on Saturday in preparation for the World Culinary Championships in Luxembourg.

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Cathy McCabe Special to the Advance

Niagara College's Junior Culinary Team Canada displays the cold meal they made in preparation for the World Culinary Championship in Luxembourg. The members of the team are Iain Dawson (back, left), Craig Youdale, dean of the Canadian Food and Wine Institute, Ben Lillico. Trevor Littlejohn (front), Daniella Germond, Megan Proper, Rebekka Schmitt and Jeremy Gilligan.

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Trial run for hot meal coming up to prepare students for competition

From Page 18

Craig Youdale, the dean of the Canadian Food and Wine Institute at Niagara College and manager of the team, which includes current students and recent graduates, said students worked from noon Saturday until 9 a.m. Sunday creating their cold meal program - the one that is all about looks, not taste.

"This is a trial run and we actually recreated the whole event. We recreated the timing, the food, everything, so what you see here, we're going to recreate this in three weeks in Luxembourg. This is exactly what the judges are going to see," said Youdale.

The team qualified for the championship after claiming victory at the Canadian Culinary Federation of Chefs and Cooks in October 2013.

"It's been a long day," said Daniella Germond, a lead member of the junior team and a graduate of the culinary management program at Niagara College Sunday morning.

"No sleep, but we've got it done on time. Everything looks really good. I think we're pretty proud of ourselves."

Germond says everyone had spent countless hours prepping for this day.

They will be competing with teams from 14 other countries from Nov. 21 to 27.

The teams vying for the championship will be judged on a cold and a hot meal.

It's called the cold meal, said Youdale, because "all the food is presented literally cold. It's not eaten, it's only for presentation. It shows skill. It shows techniques. It shows color."

He says their meal is made with fresh food, "so we can't get it done too far in advance. That's why we have to work through the night, because we present it in the morning."

Almost all of the ingredients used in their dishes are local, including salmon, lobster, bacon, pork and venison. They wanted to have foods that represent Canada, said Youdale.

Also for the championship they will create a three-course meal for 75 people.

Youdale says while the cold meal is about presentation, the hot meal is about flavour.

"Each one is a little bit different, but (the cold meal) is the real marathon, a lot of work. I have 10 very tired individuals back there right now."

The students will be preparing an Olympic team dinner on Nov. 8 at the Benchmark restaurant.

The dinner, which is their last event before they go to Luxembourg, will be a replica of the hot meal program they will present at the competition.

Cathy McCabe
Special to the Advance

The Festive Platter of terrines, garnishes and sauces was created overnight this weekend by Niagara College's Junior Culinary Team Canada. It is one of the dishes they will prepare for the world culinary championship in Luxenberg.

Correction

The email address for students to apply to the Rotary Youth Exchange Program in last week's Advance was incorrect.

The email address should have read ryenotl@ gmail. com.

The deadline for applications is Oct. 31.

The Advance apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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Wynne discusses push for GO to region while in NOTL

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

Premier Kathleen Wynne met with local politicians and education officials during the Ontario Economic Summit in Niagara-on-the-Lake to discuss their continued push to bring regular, year-round GO train service to Niagara.

"I know what a high priority it is and we have committed to engaging them in a very serious way," Wynne said Friday morning, a day after the meeting.

"It's not a situation where I'm just saying, 'Yeah, yeah, yeah, we'll talk about it,' I really want to understand what the parameters of the discussion can be and how we can work together."

Wynne, along with Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca, met with a number of regional mayors Thursday, as well as Niagara Regional Chairman Gary Burroughs, city and regional staff, St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley and representatives from Brock University and Niagara College. They were asking for regular GO train service to come to Niagara Falls in the spring.

While Wynne would not specifically say she's committed to bringing year-round GO train service to the region, or put a time frame on increased service, she is willing to discuss that possibility.

"The minister of transportation and I had a very good meeting with a number of regional mayors, convened by regional chair Burroughs and representatives from Brock and from Niagara College," she said.

"We need to make sure we're working from the same assumptions. I know the importance of connectivity and that was one of the discussions we had. The municipalities are working on connectivity among themselves. They want to make sure that they are connected to the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area."

Diodati said Wynne was also given a business plan for bringing regular service to the region, which she will read on her trade mission trip to China.

"It was a great meeting of minds and ideas. The message was clear and it was well received," he said. "She was very open minded and honest with us and we were very clear at how symbiotic this will be, how it will strengthen not just Niagara, but Ontario as well."

Much of the infrastructure necessary for this to happen is already in place, as shown by the summer GO trains from Niagara Falls to Union Station.

He said it was ironic that the Queen's Park contingency was late getting to the meeting because of traffic and that it was not lost on Wynne how unified Niagara's politicians, educational institutions and business community are on bringing year-round GO train service to the region.

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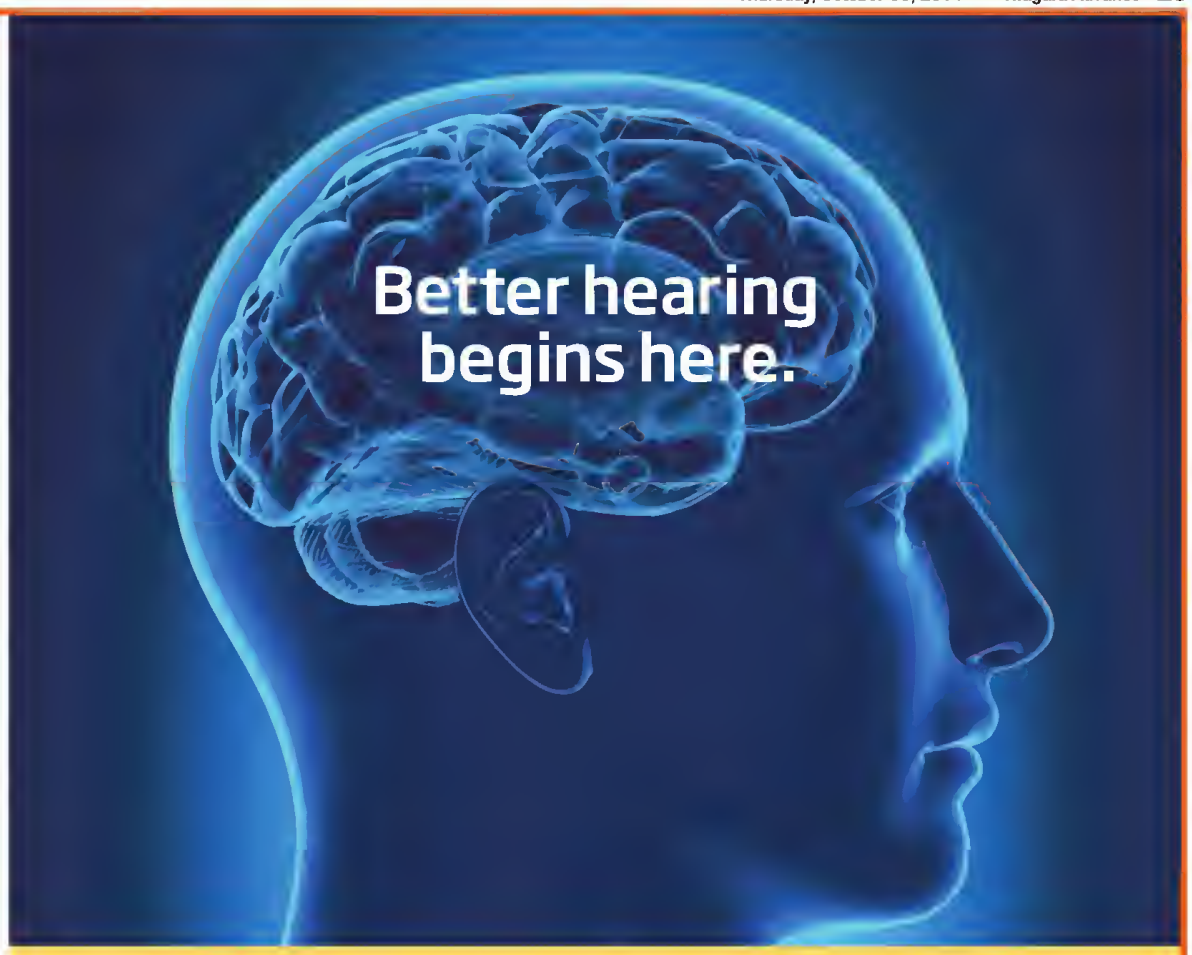

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From Page 22

"This is the one thing that will save Niagara and turn it around. I said to her, 'It is coming, the only discussion is when,' and she nodded in agreement."

NDP MPP Wayne Gates, representing Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake, was at the summit Friday. He reiterated his call to Wynne to listen to Niagara leaders who have united around the singular ask.

He also wants to know why GO rail expansion to Niagara appears nowhere in Metrolinx's latest five-year plan.

"The premier needs to listen to all of Niagara's leaders who are telling her that if her priority is to stimulate the economy of the region, she needs to follow through on her government's promise of bringing GO train service to Niagara," said Gates.

"She should show her commitment by presenting a time-line for delivery."

Gates, the NDP's critic for Economic Development and Employment, said that during this year's provincial election, Wynne said all-year, daily GO rail to Niagara was a "very, very high priority."

Burroughs says he believes the premier is committed to the plan once the region and municipalities do what is asked of them. He expects to see GO service here by next summer, he said.

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Toilet. Washroom. Bathroom. Loo. Lavatory. Powder room.

Whatever you call it, a Niagara-on-the-Lake hotel can now boast it has the best restroom in the country.

Cintas Canada announced Tuesday the winner of its 2014 Canada's Best Restroom Contest is the Shaw Club Hotel & Spa.

Cintas described the Picton St. hotel's ladies restroom as having "chic design and clear-to-clouded glass door technology."

In addition to advanced technology, a glass infinity sink and feminine decor, Cintas praised the contemporary hotel for going "above and beyond to provide their customers with a one-of-a-kind experience."

Jason Baumgartner, the hotel's sales and marketing manager, said women "love the serene environment and elegant decor."

"We believe it is important to put care and design into a washroom so that it is not only functional, but aesthetically pleasing, and we often see the impact it has on the guests, as we hear women raving about the washroom to other female customers," he said.

The stalls feature large clear glass doors that fog up for privacy when the door is locked.

"When we designed Shaw Club Hotel and Spa, we wanted to create washrooms that were memorable, edgy and fun," added Ryan Murray, director of operations.

Cintas reviewed over 100 nominations for best washroom facilities and the finalists were selected based on cleanliness, visual appeal, innovation, functionality and unique design elements.

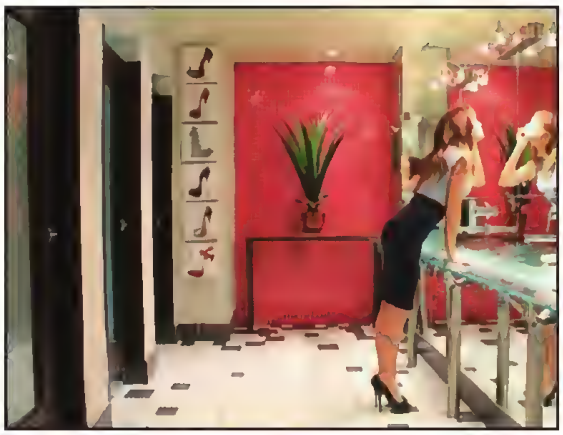
"Each year we look for establishments who understand the importance of first impressions and the impact a clean and well stocked restroom has on their business, and this year's winner clearly demonstrates this critical message," said Leslie Molin, Cintas' senior marketing manager.

The restroom at Planet Hollywood on Bender St. earned fifth spot in the contest.

Cintas Canada designs, manufactures and implements corporate identity uniform programs and provides entrance mats, restroom cleaning and supplies, and tile and carpet cleaning services to approximately 55,000 businesses in Canada.

The hotel was also recently named one of the top 25 hotels for romance in Canada by Trip Advisor Travellers' Choice 2014.

Shaw Club Hotel is part of Niagara's Finest Inns, which had a good week for awards - Harbour House Hotel, Niagara's Finest's 3-room boutique hotel, was named one of the top-10 outstanding hotels in Eastern Canada by Conde Nast Traveler magazine in its annual Readers' Choice Awards.



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The jewelry is being sold by another group of women - grandmothers who organize the fair-trade purchase of jewelry made by African mothers and grandmothers, ensuring the African women receive a decent wage, as well as benefits and good working conditions, for their work.

Nyanya Terry Mactaggart is holding her third jewelry party hosted by Nyanays of Niagara, a group of "grandmothers and grand-others" who are part of a country-wide campaign raising funds to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which supports African grandmothers struggling to raise more than 13 million children orphaned by AIDS.

Since the 2006 launch of the campaign, more than 240 groups of Canadian grandmothers have organized and more than $10 million has been raised to fund community organizations in 15 African countries, providing grandmothers with food, housing grants, school fees for their grandchildren and grief counselling.

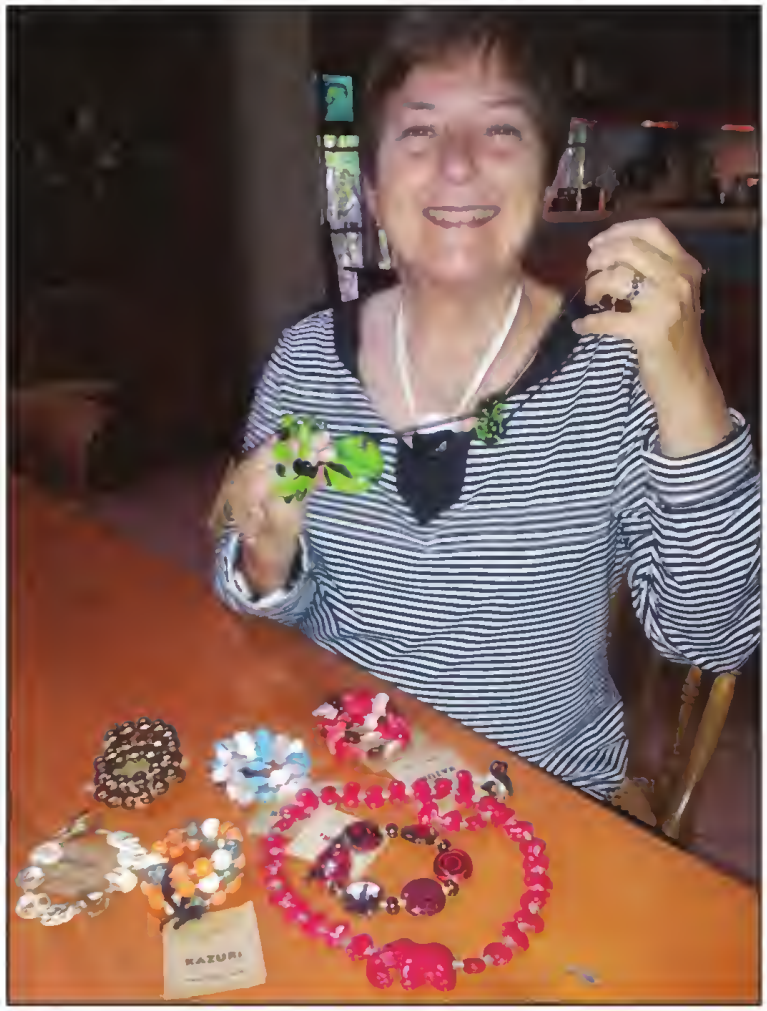
The NOTL Nyanyas—nyanya is the Swahili word for grandmother—have recently received about 125 pieces of Kazuri jewelry from their Ottawa counterparts, a group of women who call themselves the Grandmother Connection. Their work is helping to make sure Kenyan women, often the sole breadwinners of extended families, work in bright, airy workrooms, on products that are free of toxic chemicals. They receive daily tea breaks and lunches, free on-site medical aid, hospital care and prescription coverage for themselves and their family, job rotation and three-months paid pregnancy leave.

The jewelry is distributed across Canada by the Ottawa women to other grandmother groups, who sell it as a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundations' Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, and since they started this project, jewelry sales in Canada have raised more than $1 million.

"That's an amazing contribution," says Mactaggart.

"And everyone loves the jewelry."

The Kazuri Jewelry Party will be held at Mactaggart's home, from 10 a.m. until noon Monday, Nov. 3, at 324 Palatine Place in NOTL.



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Nyanya Terry Mactaggart shows off some of the many items that will be for sale at the Nyanyas of Niagara jewelry sale at Mactaggart's home Monday morning, Nov. 3.

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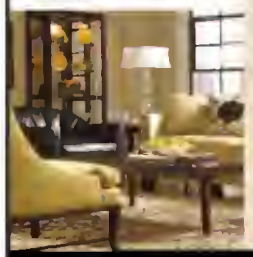

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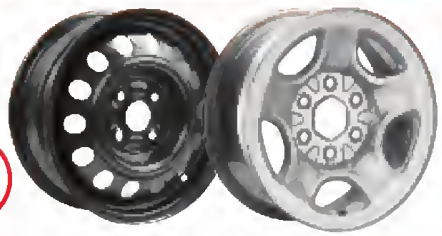

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CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Rehabilitation of Regional Road 87 Lakeshore Road (Waterfront Trail/GNCR) from Four Mile Creek Road to Townline Road in the Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

The Regional Municipality of Niagara, through their consultant Parsons (formerly Delcan Corporation), has completed the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the rehabilitation of Regional Road 87 (Lakeshore Road) from Four Mile Creek Road to Townline Road, in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The study was undertaken in accordance with Schedule "C" of the Municipal Engineers Association "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment" (October 2000, amended 2007 & 2011).

Based on Regional design criteria, design recommendations from the consultant and input received from the public/stakeholders/technical agencies, a preferred design for the subject portion of Lakeshore Road has been developed. Main features of the preferred design include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 2 x 3.3m travel lanes
- 0.7m paved shoulders on both sides of road to provide trail connectivity
- Maintain rural cross section
- No impacts to trees, agricultural operations or property
- Local drainage improvements

An Environmental Study Report documenting the planning process undertaken, key elements of the preferred design and its associated impacts to the environment is on display for review at the following locations for thirty calendar days beginning on Nov. 3, 2014 and ending on Dec. 2, 2014:

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Niagara Region
2201 St. David's Road
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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Clerk's Department
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
1593 Four Mile Creek Road
Virgil, ON
Hours: Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Niagara-on-the-Lake
Community Centre
14 Anderson Lane
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Hours: Monday to Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday –
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

During this review period, you are encouraged to contact the Regional Municipality of Niagara and/or Parsons if you have any questions or concerns about this project. If you feel, after consulting with the Region and/or Parsons, that your concerns remain unresolved, you may request a "Part II Order" (bumping the project to a full individual EA), by submitting a written request to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change at the following address *and copying the Region* before the end of the thirty

The Honourable Glenn Murray
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The project will be able to proceed based on the preferred design if there are no outstanding "Part II Order" requests at the end of the thirty calendar day review period.

If you have any questions on the above information or would like additional information on the project, please contact either one of the following project team members:

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Creative workshop at RiverBrink: it's not art until you place yourself in it

Artist J.R. Baldini will lead a painting workshop at RiverBrink Art Museum in Queenston Saturday, Nov. 1.

She will be exploring creative ways to use filters, with a choice of two different colour palettes to express a personal response to the landscape. All materials will be supplied. Oil paints used are odour-free, user-friendly and non-toxic.

Space is limited and Baldini's workshop last year was sold out.

The workshop is from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

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CONDINA, Maria (Papalia) – With sad hearts, we announce the passing of our dear mother on October 20, 2014 at the age of 88, at Upper Canada Lodge. Born March 8, 1928 in S. Eufemia d'Aspromonte, Italy. Predeceased by her husband Stefano (2011). Loving mother of Cosmo and Cathy (George LePoidvin). Survived by brother-in-law Cosmo Condina (the late Concetta) and sisters-in-law Anna (the late Frank) Papalia and Marietta (the late Antonio) Papalia all of St. Catharines. Sister-in-law Eufemia Condina and brother-in-law Guiseppe Condina of Australia. Sister-in-law Maria Condina of Italy. Predeceased by all her siblings Eufemia, Dominico Antonia, Guiseppe, Catarina, Antonio, Concetta and Frank. Survived by many nieces and nephews in Canada, USA, Italy and Australia. The family received friends at **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME**, 415 Regent Street, on Wednesday. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday morning at 11:00 am at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Rite of committal followed at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Upper Canada Lodge will be appreciated. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Bastedo for his compassionate care, the nursing staff at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital, the nursing staff and the PSW's at Upper Canada Lodge. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at:
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Sports

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Virgil Firefighters off to good start

Peewees enjoy 4-1-1 record in league play

The Virgil Firefighters" peewee team is off to a good start for the season with a 4-1-1 record in league play.

The 'triple J' line of Josh Frena, Jake Kocsis and Jordan Wiens are playing smart hockey. Nick Simmonds's speedy play and hustle earned him many scoring opportunities.

Connor Symthe was flying on the ice and was great on the penalty kill, while Tyler Cullen showed great back-checking skills and stole the puck many times. Brett Wilson played an aggressive game which resulted in nice goals.

The stellar defence team of Nick Lepp, Christian Manitais, Bruce DeLuca, MacGregor Armstrong and Ethan Carmichael have been solid through the first part of the season, making many clever defensive plays and stopping the other teams' offence. They were also key in scoring, blasting shots from the point and making end to end rushes.

Goalies Eric Randall and Luke Devries have been terrific in net, making many fantastic saves.

The peewee team has also done well in tournament play - they were recently in Collingwood playing teams from across Ontario. The highlight of the weekend was a come-frombehind win against the home town Collingwood Hawks.

Down 4-0, the NOTL team did not give up, came back strong and went on to win 6-4.

The Virgil Firefighters 'triple J' line gets ready to face Thorold in a game the Wolves won 6-1.

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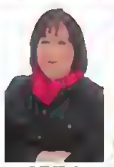

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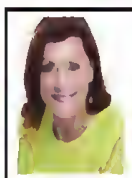

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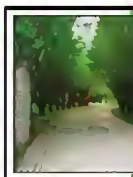
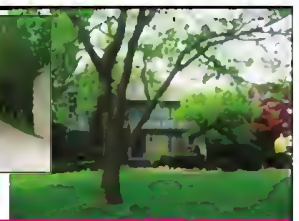

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